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The Tulips in Calvinism

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When it comes to the Doctrine of Salvation I am a Calvinist. I am a 6 point Calvinist.

You may know of the five points of Calvinism:

- 1) Total Depravity,
- 2) Unconditional Election
- 3) Limited atonement
- 4) Irresistible Grace
- 5) Perseverance of the Saints

However there is a 6 point that is the very heart beat of these points in Calvinism and that is the Sovereignty of God.

Now John Calvin himself did not quote the term Calvinist in matter of fact one can find this teaching in the Writing of the early church leaders to a degree.

My Doctrine of Salvation is sum up in the word Tulips

Total Depravity

I believe man is totally depraved and on his own will not come to Christ for salvation.

Romans 3:10-18 NKJV As it is written: “There is none righteous, no, not one; There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God. They have all turned aside; They have together become unprofitable; There is none who does good, no, not one.” “Their throat is an open tomb; With their tongues they have practiced deceit”; “The poison of asps is under their lips”; “Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness.” “Their feet are swift to shed blood; Destruction and misery are in their ways; And the way of peace they have not known.” “There is no fear of God before their eyes.”

They are dead in Sins

Ephesians 2:1 NKJV And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins,

Has to be born again or better said Born from above to see the kingdom of God

John 3:3 NET Jesus replied, “I tell you the solemn truth, unless a person is born from above, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

John 1:13

who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

Notice it was not because of man’s free will, the outter work is the result of the inner work of God.

Philippians 2:12-13

Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;

for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

God has to literally change the inside of man so man can come to him and follow him, notice the I will from God in comparison to the You will from Israel

Ezekiel 36:24-27

For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land.

Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols.

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.

All these things God has to do to Israel for them to respond and obey him.

But some will say we are told choose this day who you will serve but many people don't read the whole of the passage where they told you can't do it. A matter of fact you still have idols in your house of the Egyptians.

Joshua 24:15-16 NKJV And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD." So the people answered and said: "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods;

Joshua 24:19-23 NKJV But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the LORD, for He is a holy God. He is a jealous God; He will not forgive your transgressions nor your sins. If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then He will turn and do you harm and consume you, after He has done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, but we will serve the LORD!" So Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD for yourselves, to serve Him." And they said, "We are witnesses!" "Now therefore," he said, "put away the foreign gods which are among you, and incline your heart to the LORD God of Israel."

The Father has to draw them to Christ

John 6:44 NKJV No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day.

The Father has to reveal the Son to them.

God has to open men's eyes otherwise they can not see spiritual things

Matthew 11:25

At that time Jesus answered and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and have revealed them to babes.

The Holy Spirit has to convict man of his sins

John 16:8

And when He has come, He (Holy Spirit) will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

As a theologian once said man is free to choose his poison but he is not free to choose not to drink it

We're free to choose what manifestation of the flesh to defy ourselves in

Galatians 5:19-21 NKJV Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you

beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

But when it comes to good deeds It is only done by the Spirit of God

Galatians 5:22-23 NKJV But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

Unconditional Election

I believe God before time was elected which human would accept Salvation to come to Christ not because of any merits man will produce. Everything else is the outcome of that Election of God.

Romans 9:10-13 NKJV And not only this, but when Rebecca also had conceived by one man, even by our father Isaac (for the children not yet being born, nor having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works but of Him who calls), it was said to her, “The older shall serve the younger.” As it is written, “Jacob I have loved, but Esau I have hated.”

Ephesians 1:4-5 NKJV just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,

As God elected Israel in the Old Testament which had nothing to be desirable so he elected us if we are serving him and loving him. It was out of the Lord's love not of what Israel was able to do.

Deuteronomy 7:6-8

“For you are a holy people to the Lord your God; the Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples on the face of the earth.

The Lord did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any other people, for you were the least of all peoples;

but because the Lord loves you, and because He would keep the oath which He swore to your fathers, the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house of bondage, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

Limited Atonement

I believe the atonement of Christ is limited to those who are elected. Although it is enough to save everyone but because not everyone can come to Salvation due to there depravity. Is only reserved for his elect his people. The many , or his people who believes in Christ dieing and raising for the forgiveness of their sins.

Matthew 1:21

And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.”

Matthew 26:28

For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

Irresistible Grace

Grace is irresistible because God brings the sinner to him , Giving him faith to believe and repentance of their sins.

Faith is a gift

Ephesians 2:8-9

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.

Romans 12:3

For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.

Not everyone has faith

2 Thessalonians 3:2

and that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men; for not all have faith.

Repentance is a Gift

Acts 5:31

Him God has exalted to His right hand to be Prince and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.

Acts 11:18

When they heard these things they became silent; and they glorified God, saying, “Then God has also granted to the Gentiles repentance to life.” Barnabas and Saul at Antioch

2 Timothy 2:24-25

And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth,

Perseverance of the saints

This is called the perseverance of the Saints or the preservation of the Saints.

We the true believers are kept in God's hands and we will not depart from his path, if we are truly saved will keep our faith till the end.

1 John 2:19

They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us.

John 10:28-29 NKJV And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand.

Hebrews 10:35-39 NKJV Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise: "For yet a little while, And He who is coming will come and will not tarry. Now the just shall live by faith; But if anyone draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him." But we are not of those who draw back to perdition, but of those who believe to the saving of the soul.

Matthew 10:22 NKJV And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved.

Matthew 24:13 NKJV But he who endures to the end shall be saved.

Sovereignty of God

All this is possible due to God's Sovereign will.

Isaiah 46:9-11 NKJV Remember the former things of old, For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things that are not yet done, Saying, 'My counsel shall stand, And I will do all My pleasure,' Calling a bird of prey from the east, The man who executes My counsel, from a far country. Indeed I have spoken it; I will also bring it to pass. I have purposed it; I will also do it.

Daniel 4:34-35 NKJV And at the end of the time I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to heaven, and my understanding returned to me; and I blessed the Most High and praised and honored Him who lives forever: For His dominion is an everlasting dominion, And His kingdom is from generation to generation. All the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing; He does according to His will in the army of heaven And among the inhabitants of the earth. No one can restrain His hand Or say to Him, "What have You done?"

Matthew 20:15 NKJV Is it not lawful for me to do what I wish with my own things? Or is your eye evil because I am good?"

Romans 9:20-24 NKJV But indeed, O man, who are you to reply against God? Will the thing formed say to him who formed it, "Why have you made me like this?" Does not the potter have power over the clay, from the same lump to make one vessel for honor and another for dishonor? What if God, wanting to show

His wrath and to make His power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, and that He might make known the riches of His glory on the vessels of mercy, which He had prepared beforehand for glory, even us whom He called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?

There is so much more that could be said but I'll just leave here.